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REASONS WE SHOULD NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL

Romans 1:13-21

Matt. 26:47-52

Why did they come?

INT: Great emphasis on obeying gospel today. Various methods used. Such action generally is good. Commanded to do so. Matt. 28:19. All without the gospel are lost in their sins--true. Vs. 16. But, few words of caution necessary in world of sensationalism.

I. DO NOT OBEY BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE DID. *Sole reason*

- Teeming thousands "gone forward" because flock of friends did. "I became Christian because the gang did".
- Obedience to the gospel in an individual matter, not a mass movement. ~~Each~~. Each decide for himself.
- Crowd hysteria may build church rolls, but it does not build innocent victim's confidence in his salvation.
- Obedience, in it's true form involves forethought and a genuine basis of faith in Christ. Mk. 16:15-16.

II. DO NOT OBEY BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE WANTS YOU TO. *Sole reason*

- Some religious workers forget that God gave every man a mind of his own. Expects him to use it.
- Persuasion is essential, but has its limits. II Cor. 5:11.
- Too many have obeyed the form to silence the agitators.
- Only obedience of worth is that from the heart. Rom. 6:17.

III. SOME OBEY GOSPEL BECAUSE AFRAID NOT TO. *Sole reason*

- Christianity has its positive and negative sides.
 - Positive appeal given to attract sinners. Matt. 11:28-30
 - Negative notice is given to warn sinners. II Th. 1:7-9
- Obedience by fear only is worthless. I Cor. 13:3.
- God is to be loved more than feared. John 3:16-Acts 10:38
- Do not fear God in reality, but Justice. I John 4:18.

IV. ONLY REASON ONE SHOULD OBEY GOSPEL: CAN'T KEEP FROM IT.

- An honest study of the facts will compel our mind to surrender to the testimony. John 20:30-31. Faith.
- Acceptance of the facts will constrain our hearts to soften under rays of God's love. I John 4:19.
- Our lips will be commanded by the heart to speak out our convictions. Matt. 12:34 - Matt. 10:32.
- Our body will then readily comply with all God-given instructions. Acts 22:16.

When ready come regardless of what others want etc.

INV: If a man can hold back during this invitation song he is not convinced somehow and should not come till is.

But if heart demands that you heed God's call to service, then Heaven will welcome you as you come.